7/29/70

Dear Howard (Dick),

Your mailing of the 16th, including clippings, check, ~~letter~~, etc., arrived yesterday.

It is very hot today, so I'm responding from outside, in the shade, where there is a breeze, which means the typeface may be clearer byt the unfamiliar keyboard of the almost unused portable may make the bad typing worse.

I was not able to take the negative of the shirt front back to the photog until yesterday, when I did get the prints of the two new ones. I have a package I expect to send to Dick in the a.m., when I have to go to the p.o. to do it right, so I'll send his set to him. In a day or two I'll have the enlargement of the slits back, and I'll send this to you, in case you want to copy (with one for Dick). Or, I can have prints made, but these will cost more. I've not paid for what he did, so I do not know the cost yet. In fact, I've not even looked at it. I will before sending to Dick. The rest of the pkg for him had already been prepared.

Your perceptiveness with the clippings is helpful. For example, that little item on the McClellan hearings confirms an anaylsis I'd made for another purpose, did not appear in the papers here, and is better to use than an analysis...As youknow, I expect to call Clark as a witness. He has not responded to my letter, which is not surprising, but I did make the proper gesture and offer...TheMitchell story should have been headed "The Many Faces of John Mirchell". All ugly...That pair is like from a sick ante-bellum book.

The Skolnick paper is helpful confirms what I told you, that there are other papers he did not send, and provides the basis for reminding him that you are a writer who wants his work to be thorough and dependable and therefore you again ask for all the court papers, because getting them from the court, where they are available, would be prohibitive in cost and would represent a very considerable waste one researcher should be anxious to avoid for all others. His motion is shit, encased in simulated armor, is utterly irrelevant and, as I told you to begin with, represents exactly the conditions under which he filed his "suit". This is his escape and he is anot anxious for others to have all the papers, not if any response at all was made. My hunch is that the matter will rest here until forgotten or, at some later date, is removed for lack of prosecution. Unless he can make time with the CBS bitchery, he's done with this for now.

Ltr 7/11: Three or four years ago a friend started a study of the autopsy and similar laws and requirements for me. My recollection is they are chaos, no consistency, etc. However, aside from those pertaining in Texas, is any applicable? remember, even the Md. law does not obtain in a military installation. This is not to say you cannot find use for such info, but is it worth the cost? Have you thought of using the library? Perhaps the Navy base has a copy-as any military or vetrans' hosp. should.

7/14 to him: note comment in my last night's letter to Dick re anterior neck wound. If Dick can make extra slides when you send him the poitures that are coming, I'd appreciate but there is no urgency and no great need, just curiosity and desire for a more complete file of the pictures. 399 Fragment: this time something new is added, the January date. I may have examined after January. At some oint I'll check my notes and let you know, but they are too voluminous to go over now. You're right on Dillard, who also failed to respond when I asked for his third picture. Why should he be unwilling to let it out? He never supplied it to the Commission, if either, according to Arch....Carolyn Arnold: exactly what they originally told me. I believe it....Specter quote great!

Back Measurements: without rereading, od I correctly recall that you begin in prone? Why not do as I first told you, begin with approx location and see what happens when limp body is probe, and in different ways, with different arm positions. Those measurements were made in prone, and when the body is not they should go lower. I think to a degree you are working in the wrong direction.

7/15 to me: do as you will with quotation and credits, but I believe it is best to always credit the work, whether or not further credit is given, for it is not merely a matter of credit but of reference and for the future, even in unpublished notes. There is no question of "stealing" here, so do not feel that way in any degree. Thanks for the check, which I used immediately.

Angel 7/8 very helpful. They sure run a tight ship. With the weights on CE243, it seems impossible that a fragment of 6.5mm diameter is included, does it not? I'll look forward to the inquiry of the right men, in courtly His (4) is marvellous!

I've gotta quit now, to go and get Lil, who is at her family's annual reunion, most of which I've ducked. But there is nothing new that I can now recall.

Sincerely,